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Sheriff's Citizens on Patrol volunteers pose with San Bernardino County Supervisor Janice Rutherford at the 17th annual George Lee Memorial Pancake Breakfast. Funds raised at the event benefit the San Antonio Heights and Mt. Baldy Citizens on Patrol units.

Most economic fallacies derive from the tendency to assume that there is a fixed pie, that one party can gain only at the expense of another.

— Milton Friedman

Water Company Preserves Mutual Model

More than 130 years ago, George, Charles, and William Chaffey surveyed the sprawling, undeveloped valley below Mount San Antonio and envisioned all of the new homes, businesses, schools, and orchards that would one day dot the landscape.

But the enterprising brothers knew this development would never occur without one key ingredient—water. So,

while other California newcomers labored to find gold, the Chaffey brothers were busy devising ways to tap the “liquid gold” flowing down from the San Gabriel Mountains.

On May 2, 1882, the brothers formed the Etiwanda Water Company—the first shareholder-owned (i.e. mutual) water company in California—to deliver water to thirsty farmers

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Upland PD Volunteer Enjoys Learning



Carl Forman likes to learn new things and have adventures. That's why he started volunteering.

Decades ago, before he and family moved to Upland, Forman volunteered in the emergency room of a Detroit hospital to help break out of the monotony of everyday life.

“I learned a lot about people that I didn't know before,” the 78-year-old retired electrical engineer said. “I could tell you all sorts of stories about people coming in there, shootings and stuff like that.”

After Forman moved to Upland, he looked around for other volunteer opportunities that might offer a little

excitement, and he found one in the ER of Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center.

“I would do whatever the nurses or doctors asked me to do, but I didn't do surgeries or anything that like,” Forman said with a chuckle.

About 15 years ago, Forman—a husband and father of two sons—found a spot on the Upland Police Department Citizen Patrol Unit through the West Valley Chapter of the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

Citizen Patrol volunteers contribute a minimum of eight hours a week and perform many functions that were previously performed by paid Police Department employees, which means police officers can spend more

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time conducting proactive law enforcement activities. Citizen Patrol volunteers perform routine patrols, vacation checks, issue parking citations, and report suspicious activity.

During one patrol, Forman saw three men hightailing it to a car in the parking lot of the Upland Metrolink station. They looked pretty suspicious, and, just moments before, Forman had heard police radio chatter about a bank robbery. He radioed a description of the suspects and the vehicle they took off in, and, not long after, police caught up with the robbers and arrested them as they were trying to get away on I-10.

A few years ago, Forman suffered a stroke that forced him to give up patrol duties, but he continues to perform administrative duties at the Police Department.

"It's something to do that keeps me busy," he said.

Last year, the West Valley RSVP presented Forman with the Outstanding Law Enforcement Service Award for his 15 years of service to the Upland Police Department. At the time, he had racked up about 5,500 hours of service.

Upland Police Lt. Alan Ansara said the Citizen Patrol Unit, which includes about 20 members, has become even more valuable in recent years.

"We have experienced budget cuts over the past few years and having them here helps us out in terms of manpower," he said.

Residents interested in volunteering with the Upland Police Department should call (909) 946-7624. Volunteers must pass a background check and complete training.

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and families in the valley. Later on that year, the Chaffey brothers purchased large tracts of land known as the original Colony Lands, which later became Upland and Ontario, and, on Oct. 25, 1882, they formed the San Antonio Water Company as a private, nonprofit water utility.

The Cucamonga County Water District (now the Cucamonga Valley Water District) gobbled up the Etiwanda Water Company in 1986 along with other smaller mutual companies, but the San Antonio Water Company was too large for buyout so it continues to provide water using the shareholder-owned model the Chaffey brothers devised all those years ago.

The Chaffey brothers developed the mutual water company model because they realized traditional riparian rights wouldn't work in often-dry Southern California.

Under riparian water rights, a landowner upstream can divert as much water as he needs without regard to how it affects people downstream.

Under the Chaffey's mutual water company system, people who purchased an acre from the brothers' land company received one share in the water company, which managed and delivered water. In addition to ensuring equitable distribution, the method also promoted conservation since each shareholder was only entitled to a specific amount of water each year based on the water produced.

The Chaffey brothers also pioneered the use of pipes to deliver water underground rather than through irrigation

ditches, which lost a lot of the precious resource to evaporation.

In fact, a tunnel the Chaffeys constructed to tap naturally filtered underground water from San Antonio Creek is still in use today. Water from this source is so good and pure that the company bottled some of it five years ago in honor of its 125th anniversary.

Today, people wanting stock in the San Antonio Water Company have to find willing sellers, but those are harder and harder to come by because the company is not producing new shares. Within the last 5 years, shares sold in excess of \$15,000; more recently one sold for \$7,5000.

"It's all market driven," explained San Antonio Water Company General Manager Charles Moorrees. "We have no control over how much people sell their stock for."

The company also cannot control who buys the stock, and, over time, water companies and municipalities within the Inland Empire have acquired shares to augment the demands of customers in those communities.

One share entitles the holder to about 2.5 acre-feet of water at the incredible price of 42 cents per 100 cubic feet (748 gallons). That's about a third of what most Southern Californians pay for water.

The San Antonio Water Company is a 501(c)(12) nonprofit, private water utility company.

Visit www.sawaterco.com to learn more about the San Antonio Water Company.

SB County Sparked Child Recovery Program

Nearly 40 years ago, a San Bernardino County Child Support Services worker sparked a piece of legislation that has helped tens of thousands of children reunite with their parents.

Today, District Attorneys in all 58 California counties are mandated to take all actions necessary to locate and return parentally-abducted children.

The story begins with a county Child Support Services investigator named Carlos Paniagua. As he tracked down parents who were not paying child support he discovered that many of them had not seen their children in years—even though they had a legal right to do so.

Soon, Paniagua was lobbying for State legislation to address the issue of parental child abduction. Unlike stranger abductions, parental abduction had received little public attention, despite the fact that it ripped families apart and scarred abducted children for life. Paniagua's efforts led to the creation of the California Child Abduction and Recovery Program in 1976.

The legislation that created the program also provided the courts and law enforcement agencies with additional means to return children to their custodial parents. The provisions of the legislation included changes in the procedures for filing petitions to determine custody and enforce visitation rights, increased authorization to issue warrants of arrest to ensure compliance, and increased access to locator and other information maintained by county and state departments.

"California is unique among all the states in that it aggressively tries to unite children with their custodial parents," said Deputy District Attorney Kurt Rowley, who heads the San Bernardino County Child Abduction Unit.

"California has done this by giving district attorneys the ability not only to prosecute parental abductions but also to recover children when needed."

The unit's two investigators employ a variety of tools to find parents who have illegally absconded with their children. They also secure court warrants and work with law enforcement agencies throughout the state, across the country, and around the globe, to bring abducted children home to their custodial parents.

"We really have a pretty good track record of finding people and getting cases resolved one way or another," Rowley said. "It takes time, but we can do it."

Rowley, who has seven children of his own, said child custody jurisdiction laws are complex. Add the fact that enforcement policies can vary from state to state, as well as the fact that there are international treaties regarding child custody, and it's easy to understand why a specialized unit is necessary to tackle this problem.

Rowley said that, in cases of conflict over child custody, parents should make sure that custody orders are clear and unambiguous. One mistake or irregularity can act as a speed bump in the enforcement process.

In addition, parents who believe a spouse or relative has abducted their child should report the crime to local police immediately. The police are required by law to take such reports and forward them to the DA's Child Abduction Unit without delay.

Child abduction, even by a parent or relative, is a felony punishable by up to four years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Visit <http://cms.sbcounty.gov/da/Home.aspx> to learn more about the District Attorney's office.

2nd District Trivia

Last Issue's Answer: The Bedford Brothers constructed the Magnolia Villa in 1887 in what is today Upland. At the time the hotel was built, the area was known as North Ontario.

Question: Where is the longest elevator in San Bernardino County located?

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Food Trucks Back on the Menu

On June 5, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors is scheduled to consider whether to implement new rules that will create more opportunities for food trucks to operate in communities that want the business.

As you may know, San Bernardino and Riverside counties are the only two counties in California that currently do not allow food trucks to operate, except at what are deemed “community events.”

When I raised this issue last year, I heard from a number of residents and entrepreneurs who said food trucks would create much-needed jobs and economic activity in our County, as well as from many Food Truck fans who wanted to enjoy the gourmet delights here rather than having to drive west. I also heard from some opposed to allowing these mobile eateries to operate here.

In the end, County staff created proposed rules that would allow food trucks to operate in static locations in unincorporated communities. Meanwhile, incorporated cities would be free to devise their own rules as to where and when the trucks could sell food.

Cities that don’t want food trucks can simply close the door. Cities that want the business can adopt rules to make it easier for trucks to operate.

I realize food truck connoisseurs would rather allow this enterprise to flourish like the other 56 counties in the state do, and, at the same time, I know others would rather keep them out of their communities for one reason or another.

But the County’s middle-of-the-road approach is a good first step to see if this business enterprise will catch on here like it has in other cities across the nation.

Upcoming Events

June 9-10, 2012	View classic wooden boats and cars along the lakeshore at the Lake Arrowhead Village during this annual event sponsored by the Rim of the World Historical Society. Call (909) 336-6666 for more information.
June 9, 2012	The City of Upland will host the 10th annual Relay for Life at Magnolia Park. Participants will walk for 24 hours to raise money for cancer research and prevention. Call (909) 214-2526 for more information.
June 9, 2012	The City of Upland and the City of Fontana host farmers markets every Saturday. The Fontana Farmers Market is held from 8 a.m. to noon at in the parking lot of Center Stage located at the northeast corner of Arrow Route and Sierra Avenue. The Upland Farmers Market is held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 460 N. Euclid Avenue.
June 9, 2012	Water slide by moonlight at Lake Gregory Regional Park this summer. The water slides will be open from 7 to 11 p.m. on Saturday nights in June. The park is located at 24171 Lake Gregory Drive in Crestline.
June 16, 2012	Rancho Cucamonga VFW Post 8680 will host a classic car show and chili cook off from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 8751 Industrial Lane in Rancho Cucamonga. Call (909) 980-5220 for more information.
June 16-17, 2012	The Homeward Bound Mega Pet Adoption Event will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Jerry Lewis Soccer Complex at Yucaipa Regional Park. Come pick out a furry friend or bring your pet for low-cost microchipping and vaccinations. All adopted dogs will receive a free health screening. In addition, the event will feature a giant slide, music, rock wall, face painting, and more. This event is sponsored by San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control.
June 18, 2012	The Crestline Library located at 21405 Lake Drive in Crestline hosts free yoga classes every Monday and Wednesday at noon. Come stretch out your tensions at the library overlooking Lake Gregory.
June 21, 2012	The City of Fontana will host the Sunset Concert Series from 7 to 9 p.m. at Miller Park, 17004 Arrow Blvd., every Thursday. Come enjoy free music with your neighbors at your local park.
June 23-24, 2012	The 30th annual Rotary Art and Wine Festival at Lake Arrowhead will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday at the Tavern Bay Beach Club. Visit www.rotaryartandwinefestival.com for more information.
June 23-24, 2012	The 17th annual Mountain Home Improvement Expo will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Lake Arrowhead Village Peninsula.
June 25, 2012	Unravelled—a local knitting club—meets every Monday at 1:30 p.m. at the Crestline Library located at 24105 Lake Drive in Crestline.
June 30, 2012	Fontana will host its car show from 3 to 5 p.m. on the last Saturday of every month until October. This free event features tons of classic and custom cars. It is located at City Hall, 8353 Sierra Avenue. For more information call (909) 349-6900.

Dates and times are subject to change without notice. Please contact Supervisor Rutherford’s office at (909) 387-4833 if you have any questions or suggestions for the Events Calendar. You can view information about more local events on Supervisor Rutherford’s home page at www.sbcounty.gov/rutherford.